1	2
MEGH	1.163
PANEM	1.739
PIL	0.282
SEML	0.051
SIL	0.027
TISCO	1.780
UML	0.013
TOTAL:	120.061

Drinking water supply in Jharkhand from closed coal mines

3198. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is substantial water in coal mines closed during British time in Giridih CCL area in Jharkhand and due to power fluctuations and insufficient voltage, motors of water pumps get burnt; and

(b) if so, whether Government plans to ease the problems of potable and irrigation water supply for about 100 villages, by installing heavy duty stabilizers thereat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is substantial water in coal mines closed during British time in Giridih, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL). The power supply is received in Giridih Project of CCL from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) at 33 KV at CCL's sub-station and as such there is rarely any voltage fluctuation/insufficient voltage. Burning of motors due to voltage fluctuation/insufficient voltage is rate. The State Government of Jharkhand is harvesting water from 8 places in Giridih mine to supply potable water to nearby villages.

Master Plan of coalfields

3199. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nothing has been done to combat fire and subsidence in ECL and BCCL, in spite of preparation of Master Plan for both the coalfields;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more and more areas are becoming subsidence-prone due to illegal mining; and

(c) if so, how Government is going to combat these menaces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) At the time of nationalization in 1971 in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) 17.32 Sq.Km. area was under fire which has now reduced to 8.9 Sq.km. and number of fires has